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Jordan arrests Palestinian leftist Free Issam Khawaja! Drop the charges now!

On 4 June, Jordanian security services arrested Dr. Issam Khawaja, deputy general secretary of the Jordanian Democratic Popular Unity Party (known in Jordan as Wihda Party). Wihda represents the Palestinian diaspora left. Khawaja, a paediatric neurologist, was seized while leaving the hospital where he works in the Jordanian capital Amman. His arrest followed a speech he had given earlier at a pro-Palestine protest. A statement issued on 7 June by Dr. Saeed Thiab, secretary-general of Wihda Party, reports that Khawaja was charged with unlawful assembly, disturbing public order and spreading hate speech.

The arrest of Khawaja is part of a crackdown on those fighting for Palestinian liberation by the Jordanian government, lackey of US imperialism. Like the other Muslim countries of the region, the Kingdom of Jordan has bloodied and betrayed the Palestinians again and again since the establishment of the Zionist state. The population of Jordan is heavily Palestinian, including refugees driven out of Palestine and their descendants. Today the US has at least 12 military bases and over 3800 troops in Jordan.

In May, the authorities arrested Hamza Khader, co-ordinator of the BDS movement in Jordan. And in late April, four Jordanians—Huthaifa and Ibrahim Jabr, Khaled Al-Majdalawi and Ahmed Ayesh—were jailed for **20 years** for allegedly transporting weapons to the Palestinian resistance forces in the West Bank. There are many more pro-Palestinians in Jordan's jails.

The pro-Palestinian movement internationally must demand freedom for Dr. Khawaja, Hamza Khader, Huthaifa and Ibrahim Jabr, Khaled Al-Majdalawi and Ahmed Ayesh, and all other pro-Palestinian prisoners. For workers and the oppressed everywhere, solidarity with Palestine—including helping Palestinians resist genocide—is not a crime!

In the imperialist centres and throughout the Global South, the workers movement is on the back foot and needs to be rebuilt and strengthened to defend workers' rights and livelihoods. Defence of pro-Palestinians caught up in the dragnet of the imperialists, the Zionists and their henchmen is part and parcel of that necessary struggle. **Free all the pro-Palestinian detainees! Drop the charges!**

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